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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRIORITIZED RELEASE OF CONNECTIONS IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK			
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 5, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 5, 2004, the applicants submit the following remarks: